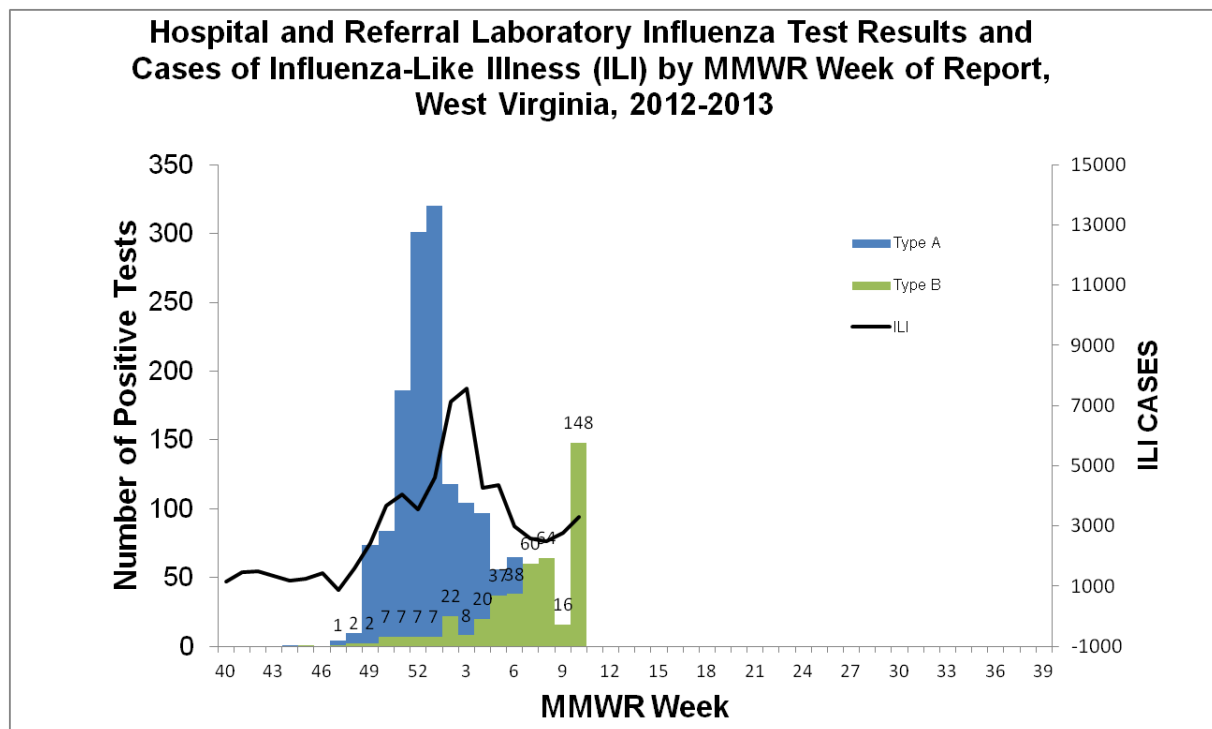


# West Virginia Influenza Summary, Week Ending March 9, 2013 (MMWR Week 10)

Dear Influenza Partners,

West Virginia has reported influenza activity as “**Local**” for MMWR week **10** (week ending Saturday March 9, 2013).

The influenza season in West Virginia is winding down. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased this week from 5.9% at the peak of the season to 1.7%. Influenza B continues to have localized effects with some schools reporting an increased in absenteeism due to ILI. The number of respiratory specimens testing positive for Influenza B spiked again as the number of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza B has steadily increased since the beginning of February. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive week that the Influenza B has been the prominent strain in West Virginia. Influenza B doesn’t often dominate during flu seasons and generally causes milder disease than type A and primarily affects children.



Weekly influenza surveillance graphs for West Virginia can be found at the website: <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/flu/Pages/fluSurveillance.aspx>. Because of late reporting, we must sometimes update information in retrospect. The website will always have the most up-to-date numbers. Please feel free to contact us at (304)-558-5358, extension 1, with any questions regarding this report.